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**Finding Aid to the  
Gary J. Hermann  
Collection  
2011.20**

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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Gary J. Hermann

**Accession Date:** July 2011

**Collection Number:** 038

**Quantity:** 1 folder + oversized material

**Summary:** A collection of six German baptism, confirmation, and wedding certificates relating to the Schell, Schoell, and Pfeifle families; dating from 1903 to 1931.

**Languages:** English & German

**Links:**

- [History of Andreas Pfeifle & Rosina Sinkbeil](#) by Ella Nielson [CS71.P524 1994]

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## BIOGRAPHY

The Schoell (Schell) family immigrated to the United States from Gluckstal, South Russia, in 1898. They homesteaded in Moscow Township, McPherson County, South Dakota.

Helena Schoell (Schell) was the daughter of Christ and Rosina Schoell (Schell) and sister of Johann Schoell (John Schell). Helena was born on February 17, 1900, and she died on February 19, 1922.

Johann Schoell (John Schell) was born on May 23, 1903, to parents Christ and Rosina Schoell (Schell). On June 21, 1931, Johann Schoell (John Schell) married Maria Pfeifle (Mary Pfeifle). They had no children, but John had a daughter, Frieda, from a previous marriage. John Schell died on September 3, 1972.

Maria Pfeifle (Mary Pfeifle) was born on January 8, 1911 at Venturia, North Dakota, to Johannes and Katherina (Sayler) Pfeifle. Mary (Pfeifle) Schell died on May 30, 2002.

Frieda Schell was born on March 21, 1927. She was the daughter of John Schell. On June 21, 1947, Frieda married Gustave Hermann. Gustave and Frieda (Schell) Hermann had three children: Gary, Gerald, and Marie.

Gary Hermann was born on August 30, 1948, in Richardton, ND, to Gustave and Frieda (Schell) Hermann.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The **Gary J. Hermann Collection** is comprised of six German baptism, confirmation, and wedding certificates. The certificates range from 1903 to 1931. The collection includes one confirmation certificate for Helena Schell, a confirmation and baptismal certificate for Johann Schoell, a baptismal and confirmation certificate for Maria Pfeifle, and a marriage certificate for John Schell and Mary Pfeifle. All the certificates were published by the Wartburg Publishing House in Chicago, Illinois.

## **SEPARATION RECORD**

The finding aid, inventory, and historical information are housed in a single folder within the 2011 Small Collections Box. The certificates, due to their size, have been placed within the oversized material box.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

### **2011 Small Collections Box**

<b>Collection/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>2011.20/1</b>	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory

### **Oversized                      CERTIFICATES**

Helena Schell Confirmation Certificate, 1915

Johann Schoell Confirmation Certificate, 1917

Maria Pfeifle Baptismal Certificate, 1911

Johann Schoell Baptismal Certificate, 1903

Maria Pfeifle Confirmation Certificate, 1925

John Schell and Mary Pfeifle Marriage Certificate, 1931